

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Martha Cassidy on 02/08/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. For the Claims:
 - i. Please **cancel** Claim 11.
 - ii. Claim 4, line 3, the term 'which' has been replaced with --**"an said channels"**--.
 - iii. Claim 6, line 1, after the phrase 'claim 5' the punctuation ',' have been deleted.
 - iv. Claim 34, line 2, after the phrase 'claim 1' the punctuation ',' have been deleted.
 - v. Claim 35, line 2, after the phrase 'claim 1' the punctuation ',' have been deleted.
 - vi. Claim 36, line 2, after the phrase 'claim 1' the punctuation ',' have been deleted.
- b. For the specification:
 - i. On page 6, line 20, the phrase "as claimed in claim 1" have been deleted.

- ii. On page 6, line 36, the phrase "Claims 2 to 13 relate to preferred" has been replaced with --"**In**"--.
- iii. On page 6, line 37, the phrase ". The" has been replaced with --"**, the**"--.
- iv. On page 7, lines 18-19, the phrase "as claimed in claim 14" have been deleted.
- v. On page 8, line 1, the phrase "Claims 15 to 25 relate" has been replaced with --"**The invention also relates**"--.
- vi. On page 8, line 5, the phrase "Claim 26" has been replaced with --"**The invention also**"--.
- vii. On page 8, lines 13-14, the phrase "as claimed in claim 28" have been deleted.
- viii. On page 8, line 22, the phrase "as claimed in claim 29" have been deleted.
- ix. On page 8, lines 30-31, the sentence "Claims 30 and 31 relate to preferred refinements of these apparatuses." have been deleted.
- x. On page 8, line 36, the sentence "Claims 33 to 38 relate to preferred applications." have been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant claims are allowed for the reason that the cited prior art(s) does not teach or fairly suggest the presently claimed method for producing a support containing polymeric receptors for determining analytes with the steps combination of 1) placing the support body between a programmable light source matrix and a detector matrix and 2) site-

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and/or time specifically immobilizing the building blocks on predetermined reaction positions in the channel or channels by illumination of the predetermined reaction positions by the programmable light source matrix, wherein the illumination position of the light source matrix is monitored by computer using the detector matrix.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) filed on 10/27/2005, 11/21/2005, and 02/08/2006 have been reviewed, and its references have been considered as noted on PTO-1449 forms.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Chau T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-0810. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday: 8:00-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30-5:00; Friday: 8:00-3:30.

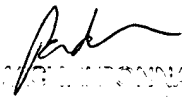
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Wang can be reached on 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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